

Triumph for Vicarino Soprano Enchantress

WINS AUDIENCE BY HER SKILLFUL INTERPRETATION

Unusual Enthusiasm Is Aroused at Presentation of Melancholy Donizetti Opera

"Lucia," the beautiful and melancholy Donizetti opera, was presented by the Lombardi Grand Opera company at the Valencia theater last night, receiving a warm reception from an audience of music lovers. The Lombardi stars, including the popular tenor, Agostini, A. Graziani and M. Giovacchini, were heard at their best, although they were all relegated to second place by Regina Vicarino, who was the principal in the role of Lucia. Vicarino is a remarkable lyrical soprano, whose last appearance in San Francisco several seasons ago is well remembered in operatic circles.

Vicarino scored a triumph in the mad scene in the third act of the play. Her singing was little short of absolute perfection, judging from the way the audience applauded and encored her. She sang to one encore only, although it was five minutes before the house quieted down for the final scene with Agostini in the limelight. His voice was in excellent form and he was given a well deserved ovation.

Giovacchini, the barytone, in the role of Henry, Lucia's brother, who sacrifices her happiness and very life for fear of his own, was heard at his best. The singer has a remarkably clear sweet voice, with great power and carrying qualities. A. Graziani exhibited perhaps the most mellow male voice in the cast, but it seemed to lack in power.

That the operatic season of the Lombardi company will prove a greater success than even its press agent predicted seems to be certain from the reception given "Aida" on Monday night and last night's enthusiasm over "Lucia." There were not a dozen vacant seats downstairs, while the gallery was crowded to its capacity.

Gounod's immortal opera "Faust" will be presented this evening. The beautiful arias will be interpreted by a special cast of stars. Lina Bertossi, the lyric soprano, whose performances with the Milan Opera company at the old Chutes theater and at the Grand Franciscan, will sing the role of Marguerite, G. Bellingeri, a well known tenor, will sing Faust, while G. Martino will be the Mephistopheles.

Production will be under the baton of Arturo Bovi, whose work is considered distinctly above the average.

CITY'S ONLY HOPE LESST PURCHASE

City Engineer Urges Buying Spring Valley—The Plan Meets Opposition

That the city's only way out in the water question is to buy Spring Valley at the company's price was the argument last night by City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy before the Haight and Ashbury Improvement club. He guardedly discussed the question, but described the situation in such a way that the point of purchase was left as San Francisco's only hope to meet conditions in the water question. The proceedings being too entangled to prevent an acute water scarcity.

His arguments were answered by Dr. C. D. Salfeld, who asserted that Spring Valley is trying to hold up San Francisco and wipe out the hope of a Sierra supply.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy declared that San Francisco must take immediate action to prepare for the Panama canal times and the only outlook is to buy Spring Valley and develop the Calaveras dam proposition.

"We must prepare to meet conditions or we will pay the penalty," he said. "We must grab this Spring Valley system. We must build the Calaveras dam and bring water into every household in the city. Completing Calaveras dam and with Spring Valley's system we would have 70,000,000 gallons a day.

"The city ought to be able to pay the interest on the bonds of buying Spring Valley for \$37,000,000. I have no particular affection for Spring Valley. I have hopes to get Hetch Hetchy, but I think also that we ought to get Spring Valley and prepare for Greater San Francisco."



Regina Vicarino of Lombardi Grand Opera company.

LILLIAN GRAHAM GETS \$1 AND LOVE

Chorus Girl in Stokes Shooting Cut Off in Seattle Father's Will

SEATTLE, Jan. 27.—Lillian Graham, the former New York chorus girl who was acquitted, with Ethel Conrad, of assault by shooting W. E. D. Stokes, a New York broker, was bequeathed \$1 and the love and affection of her father, Patrick Graham, a pioneer of this county, whose will was probated today. Mrs. Stella Singleton, former wife of a Nevada millionaire and sister of Miss Graham, is also bequeathed \$1 with the love and affection of her father, amounting to about \$2,000, is given to his daughter, Mrs. Serena E. Galway, of Ontario, Ore. Alice Agnes Andrews, a fourth daughter, is given \$1 and the love and affection of the parent.

DAVID STARR JORDAN BECOMES BIT IRONICAL

Declares Balkan-Turkish War Was Arranged by Powers at Berlin 34 Years Ago

PALO ALTO, Jan. 27.—David Starr Jordan, president of Stanford university, commenting on the substance of President Wheeler's address before the San Francisco Y. M. C. A. on Sunday said: "It should not differ from Doctor Wheeler's to the general statement of facts as to the Balkan situation. Four hundred years of military occupation, even under better masters than the Turk, is about the limit of endurance. The Macedonians have a proverb: 'Better an end with horror, than horror without end.'"

"Yet General Sherman's march stands unimpeded. For one, I can not detect the finger of the Lord on any sword drawn streaming red."

SHOOTS HIS WIFE AT HER FRIEND'S HOME

Jenious of Attention He Believed Was Lavished Upon Her by Others J. Holtz Fires on Spouse

Jenious of the attentions which he believed were being lavished on his wife by other men, J. Holtz rushed into the home of Mrs. Hayes, 462 Bryant street, at midnight and fired four shots at his wife, one of which lodged in the woman's leg. The confusion following the shooting Holtz escaped.

HARVESTER TRUST FILES INCORPORATION ARTICLES

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 27.—Articles incorporating the International Harvester corporation with an authorized capital of \$70,000,000 were filed with the secretary of state this afternoon, the incorporators being men actively connected with the International Harvester company, a concern already chartered, under the laws of New Jersey, with an authorized capital of \$140,000,000.

The incorporators are Harold F. McCormick and William J. Lauderback, Chicago; William L. Saunders, Plainfield, N. J.; John A. Chapman, Chicago; and Clarence E. Gregory and Robert H. Neilson, New York.

SULZER ADVISES LEGISLATURE TO CUBB EXCHANGES

New York's Governor Suggests New Laws for Correction of Flagrant Stock Abuses

IMPRISONMENT ONE OF REMEDIES GIVEN

Unless State Does Its Duty No Fault Is to Be Found if Nation Takes Action

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 27.—State supervision and regulation of the New York Stock exchange and other stock exchanges are advocated by Governor Sulzer in a message sent by him to the legislature tonight.

The time is ripe, is the governor's opinion, for the state to step in and end "flagrant abuses, shifty schemes and clever combinations to catch the unwary and to mislead the public." To effect this he recommends the enactment of a group of laws, at least one of which shall provide imprisonment as a penalty. These laws should apply to certain practices which have been shown to exist by the Pujol committee of the house of representatives and other investigators.

"The testimony of some of the governors of the exchanges," Governor Sulzer says, "leaves no doubt in the minds of men of judgment that they have been either incapable or unwilling to devise measures that will effectively eradicate the evils. It now is the obvious duty of the state to devise the remedies. If the state neglects to do its plain duty, the state should find no fault if the federal government acts in the premises."

Among the measures which Governor Sulzer would have enacted are: A law to distinguish clearly proper transactions of purchase and sale from those that are the result of combinations to raise or depress artificially the price of securities without regard to their true value or legitimate supply and demand.

To prohibit selling backward and forward blocks of stock, with intent to deceive or mislead outsiders.

To prohibit brokers from selling for their own account the same stocks they have been ordered to sell for their customers at the time the customers' orders are executed.

Clearly prohibiting insolvent brokers from continuing to buy and sell after they have become such.

ALFONSO SENDS WILSON MESSAGE

Marquis Inclined Tells President Elect Spain Is Interested in Fair

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 27.—President Wilson received today personal greetings from Alfonso, king of Spain, through the marquis de la Vega Inclan, the royal commissioner delegated to select a site for the Spanish exhibit at the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco. It was the first message Mr. Wilson has received from a European ruler.

The envoy, besides conveying to the president the king's personal message of good will, expressed, in behalf of the king, a deep interest in the exposition in San Francisco. He told the governor that Spain had been planning a similar exposition for the same year, but now intended to postpone her world's fair until 1918. The president elect inquired if it were true that King Alfonso would visit the United States soon, and learned that the laws and customs of Spain made it practically impossible for its monarch to leave the country for any length of time.

Cabinet suggestions continued to pour in today. A committee from the national granage came to discuss the secretaryship of agriculture with the president elect, and because his entrails were full of their concessions, Railways, wharves, lighting corporations, water powers, mines, everything that was being scrambled for by exploiters from France, Germany, England, Austria and doubtless Russia as well. It is now arranged for the Turk to die without discommoding his interests. That is surely a triumph for civilization."

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Dave Anderson Presumed to Be Name of Cripple Dead of Heart Fall—Are Near Redondo

(By Federal Wireless) LOS ANGELES, Jan. 27.—A stranger believed to have been Dave Anderson of Oakland died on the Redondo road between Weston and Gardena last night. The body was found about 100 yards from the Pacific Electric tracks. Thirty minutes before he was observed lying on the road he talked with people living near by, apparently in good health. Heart disease is given as the cause of death. The body was moved to the Bryant undertakings at San Pedro.

MACKINAW LOSS IS \$10,000

Captain Dollar Says Vessel Is Not Seriously Damaged

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 27.—Divers found today that the Panama steamer Mackinaw was not seriously damaged when the vessel crashed into the breakers at San Pedro in the fog last night. Captain Robert Dollar, owner of the vessel, who was on board when she struck the breakers, would not exceed \$10,000. The cargo, including 2,000 tons of Atlantic freight, is undamaged. The cargo was discharged today. The Mackinaw was docked at the Craig shipyard at Long Beach or sent to San Francisco for repairs.

ROSS MUST SERVE TIME

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The supreme court today declined to interfere with the five year penitentiary sentence imposed upon J. Thorburn Ross, former president of the Trust Guaranty and Title company of Portland, Ore., convicted of larceny of state education funds in his bank during the panic of 1907.

FOUR GOLD MINERS HELD

Leadville Men Charged With Stealing \$50,000 Committed for Extradition

COMMITTEES PART WITH FARES

Delegations From Marin County Points Appear Before Commission With Schedules, Etc.

SMALL REGARD FOR PATRONS IS CHARGE

Commissioner Thelen Says Line Is Suffering From Overcapitalization

Women and men commuters of Marin county who are of the opinion that the Northwestern railroad has not maintained a rate schedule that meets the requirements of that section, appeared before the state railroad commission yesterday and made demand for readjustment of fares.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gerberding of Belvedere, after many representatives of sections traversed by the road had had their say, put in a strong protest against what she termed "The most remarkable treatment of its patrons by any railroad in the United States."

Mrs. Gerberding said the railroad had arbitrarily raised its rates 60 per cent without consulting the people of Belvedere, that the residents of the Ark town paid 5 cents more per round trip than did those of Sausalito, which is one-third of a mile nearer San Francisco than Belvedere.

ACTING FOR ALL CONCERNED C. P. Griffin of the Corte Madera Improvement club declared he acted for "all Marin county" when he presented a schedule of what the patrons of the railroad considered fair rates. He was supported by representatives from Larkspur, Fairfax and all towns along the line between Fairfax and Sausalito.

The attorneys for the railroad were Jesse W. Lillenthal and Joseph Habbe Jr. Captain H. P. Payson, one of the original promoters and now president of the road, was also present. C. P. Griffin acted as attorney for the commuters.

Marin county, among others, sent to the hearing E. I. Butler, Edward O. Allen, O. F. Meiden, S. J. Thelen, Marcus Rosenthal, Thomas Haywood, George F. Short, H. E. Weeds, S. M. Augustine, R. Vitoseque, J. J. Mazza and Mrs. Gerberding, all prominent property owners and business people of the district.

Cloverdale and Santa Rosa also came in with a share of criticism of the railroad's alleged methods of fixing rates to suit itself with small regard for the public interest. The Chamber of Commerce of Cloverdale had placed on file a protest against rates with Willis and other points, according to Commissioner Max Thelen, who conducted the hearing. Santa Rosa protested against San Francisco rates.

SCHEDULE SUBMITTED

The schedule that the towns south of Fairfax and San Rafael submitted for state approval was as follows:

San Rafael to Mill Valley, round trip, 10 cents; monthly commutation, \$2; 100 rides, good for year, \$10.

San Francisco to Mill Valley and points south of Alto—Single trip, 15 cents; round trip, 25 cents; monthly commutation, \$2.50; 100 rides, good for year, \$15.

San Francisco to stations between Corte Madera and San Rafael—Single trip, 25 cents; monthly commutation, \$3; 100 rides, good for year, \$18.50.

San Francisco to Sausalito—Single trip, 15 cents; round trip, 25 cents; monthly commutation, \$2; 100 rides, good for year, \$10.

It is asked that children's commutation tickets be made for less than adult amounts.

ROAD OVERCAPITALIZED

Commissioner Thelen, at the outset of the hearing, said that he believed that the road was "outrageously overcapitalized." Attorney Griffin added that the line was worth \$5,000,000 and was paying interest on \$22,000,000. It was shown by the commissioner in support of Mr. Griffin's testimony that it had earned \$4,000 per mile gross, but that for the fiscal year were only \$75,000.

One complaint made against the defendants was that passengers were penalized for boarding the train after the train had started. The time was allowed for them to purchase tickets. There were also statements offered that were alleged to show that certain towns were made to pay higher interurban rates than others.

Attorney Lillenthal, for the railroad, said that it was impossible to arrive at a rate based upon a physical valuation of the road, as was contended by Attorney Griffin.

At the close of the hearing Commissioner Thelen said that it might require some time to go into the details of the complaints, and in the meantime the findings of an expert for the railroad will be given over in duplicate to both sides in the controversy. The damage would not be the circumstances in the case when it is again brought up, which will probably be at the end of the week.

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Eleven Deaths and 68 Cases of Pneumonia in Lone Place

(Special Dispatch to The Call) RENO, Jan. 27.—With 11 deaths and 68 cases of pneumonia reported, Lone Pine, Inyo county, Cal., is being evacuated. The epidemic resembles the Goldfield-Tonopah plague several years ago. There is only one physician in the town. He has telegraphed for help.

Death Can Be Softened Flowers in Lieu of Crepe

Unitarian Pastor Resigns to Become Active Undertaker

That death can be softened by less staidness of funerals; that flowers rather than black, can give to the funeral something other than gloom and can impress peacefulness upon those who have been separated from the ones they have adored in life, is the new idea of Dr. Bradford Leavitt, pastor of the First Unitarian church of this city.

Doctor Leavitt has resigned his pulpit to accept a new doctrine and a new study that has to do with humanity and "dust to dust, ashes to ashes." His resignation, presented to the board of trustees and members of his congregation Sunday morning, will cause a regret among those who have followed his spiritual advice for the many years he has conducted the pastorate.

Doctor Leavitt has bought an interest in a firm of San Francisco undertakers, and will be its vice president, but it is not the matter of financial advancement that has moved him to take this step. That thought is further from his mind. He desires to bring some humanness into a trying and necessary duty and to make simplicity go hand in hand with "the love that never passes with death."

"LET THERE BE LIGHT" "The minister should be a part of an undertaking establishment," he said yesterday. "How many of us have realized that the time worn form of funerals is a painful one? Why are persons subjected to more than necessary sorrow and brought in gloom and anticipation of a burial by subdued lights and solemn faces? 'Let there be light.' In light and truth we should find surcease of sorrow and the world would be the better for it."

"I have not taken the step that I have without a thorough study of the many sides of the question involved. Resignation does not take effect until April and in the meantime I shall have prepared myself thoroughly for the ordeal that confronts me. I would like to, and will, do something to take the fear and to dispel the atmosphere of superstition that we have inherited from the heartless methods of the past. If I can do ever so little toward this end, I shall feel that I have longed to accomplish."

"The funeral has at present no element of solemnity and brightening influence. We might well look to the Chinese in adapting methods of burial devoid of added anguish. The white of the towers of the Chinese take from sorrow and grief and somber colors add. Death should be faced in a rational manner, for has not the victim of death in most cases been an entirely rational person facing death with eternity?"

FUNERALS NEED REFORM

"Funerals are in need of reform, but I feel that changes must move very slowly. This is the problem that I am now confronted with. Custom has fashioned a practice which has traveled down the ages without any very material changes. In the interest of real human service I feel, and I know that there are many others who will join with me, that we should sympathize with changes must be made, and made in the direct interest of those who are left behind."

Doctor Leavitt's resignation, when read by his congregation, created a profound sensation. His work with his church has been noticeably effective, and he has endeared himself to all who have been members.

FIREMEN'S STRIKE MAY TIE UP EASTERN LINES

Railroads Concede Vote in Progress Will Be Favorable to Stopping Work East of Mississippi

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The eastern railroad managers said tonight they had received no intimation that their conciliatory statement issued yesterday had stopped the strike vote being taken by their firemen's committee tonight signed by Elisha Lee, chairman of the conference committee, said:

"The men are continuing their vote to determine whether or not to strike. The railroads concede that the vote will be favorable to striking. A strike means that practically every railroad east of the Mississippi and north of Virginia will be tied up."

The statement said that instructions to the various lodges sent out by the firemen's committee contained this paragraph:

"Under no circumstances should any person voting be told that there is no danger of a strike, for it is expected that every man will vote just as he intends to act. If he does not expect to leave the service of the company, if necessary, he should not drive the officers of the brotherhood by voting 'yes.'"

WISNER GIVES INSIDE HISTORY OF BUSINESS

Accused Declares Despite Appearance He Always Acted in Good Faith With Patrons

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The histories of the many companies he organized and incidents relating to the promotion of the stock of each were told by A. L. Wisner today in the trial of himself and John J. Meyers on charges of using the mails to defraud.

Wisner told of the organization of the Philippine Plantations company, in selling the stocks of which the defendants advertised dividends would be paid, although at the time none had been earned. He admitted that dividends had been earned, but said he had been informed that 1,000 acres were under cultivation and would earn a dividend.

It also was brought out that when free trips were offered prospective customers in California properties the investors were under contract to write letters giving their opinions, which, if favorable, could be used for advertising purposes.

Wisner declared he always had acted in good faith.

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FORMER REDDING PASTOR SAYS HORN IS DE TOVREA

Rev. D. T. McClelland Positive in Identification; Mother and Son Meet

(Special Dispatch to The Call) MARTINEZ, Jan. 27.—Rev. D. T. McClelland, the former pastor, now of Sacramento, positively identified Rev. Frank Horn today as the man whom he knew in Reading over a year ago as Owen De Tovrea.

McClelland said that he could recognize De Tovrea's actions and speech among a thousand men.

Mrs. Eva McIntyre, Horn's mother, and her daughter Martha arrived here today from Portland, Ore., and held a long conference with the accused man in the office of Sheriff Veale after an affectionate greeting. Horn wept and sobbed in his mother's arms protesting his innocence.

McClelland repeats the story of the twin brother told originally by Horn. She says she has not heard of him for several years. She declares that her son Horn has led a blameless life and that she has absolute faith in him. She has in her possession a picture which she guards jealously and which she says is the likeness of the "twin."

Horn denied that he had ever seen McClelland before.

Horn and his mother are making a strenuous effort to obtain the bonds for \$2,000 which will secure his release from jail. The district attorney is arranging to have the preliminary hearing some time this week.

'CARNEGIE NEVER WOULD STAND BY HIS AGREEMENTS'

President of Lackawanna Steel Testifies to His Being "Trouble Maker" in Pools Made

"GODSEND IF HE WAS OUT OF BUSINESS"

Inside Agreement Violation by His Concern Sent Price of Rails Below Cost

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Testimony in support of the contention of the government that Andrew Carnegie was a trouble maker in the steel trade and that the Carnegie Steel company was taken over by the United States Steel corporation because of his refusal to abide by agreements, was heard today in the government suit to dissolve the corporation.

Walter Scranton, former president of the Lackawanna Steel company and other independent concerns, told of the various steel pools which existed before the Carnegie Steel company invariably was a member. It appeared from his testimony that Andrew Carnegie was responsible for the dissolution of most of the pools.

"Did Andrew Carnegie's method of competition give rise to any feeling on the part of manufacturers against his continuance in the business?" asked H. E. Colton, of counsel for the government.

"There was a general feeling that it would be a God send if Andrew Carnegie was out of the business," replied Mr. Scranton with a laugh.

In one instance, dating back to 1897, the Carnegie Steel company, according to the witness, had "an inside agreement" with the Illinois Steel company which did not come to the knowledge of the other members of the pool until the two companies quarreled. The pool broke up. "Rails sold down to \$14 a ton after the pool," said Mr. Scranton, "which was below cost."

The dissolution of this pool led to a plan to organize the Empire Rail company for all the manufacturers, but it fell through.

"What individual was responsible for the Carnegie Steel company?" asked Mr. Colton. "Andrew Carnegie. He couldn't agree with the other members," replied the witness.

Subsequently another rail pool was organized in which Charles M. Schwab represented the Carnegie company and Judge Elbert H. Gary represented the Empire Steel company.

"That one-fourth of the fortune of the corporation, is invested in United States Steel securities was elicited from Mr. Corey in an effort to show that the witness had not been actuated in giving his testimony, considered by many favorable to the government, by any animosity toward the steel corporation.

Mr. Corey announced that he was "naturally in favor" of the success of the corporation in the present suit. The case of the government, which began in October, 1911, probably will be completed tomorrow. The taking of testimony by the defense will not be begun until after a recess to allow counsel for the corporation to arrange plans for calling witnesses. These probably will include Judge Gary, James A. Farrell, president of the corporation, and other witnesses, the defendants whom the government did not subpoena.

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